

Question on Notice to various Stakeholders

The “default Speed Limit” of 50km/h that applies in Linden is hard to determine as:

1. The **one and only** 50km/h sign post in East Linden is poorly located and poorly aligned in Martin Pl.
2. **No 50km/h signs posts have been erected in West Linden; one 50km/h “sign” is in paint on the Upper Tollgate entry from the West from Great Western Highway; but 500m prior to the entry into Glossop Rd.**

“The Question”; follows after “setting the scene”;
(answer required of recipients without reference to other stakeholders) !!

The Tollgate Dr/Glossop Rd intersection apparently has the “default” 50km/h Speed Limit.

- Immediately North of this intersection are two “at Risk Locations” (intersection with Caley Ln followed by a blind crest). A **SLOW sign** has been erected.
- Another “at Risk Location” 200m further North; another **SLOW sign**.
- Another “at Risk Location” 150m adjacent to park; another **SLOW sign**.
- Another “at Risk Location” 200m further North; another **SLOW sign**.
- Another “at Risk Location at the narrow blind curve; another **SLOW sign**.

Question

Given five (5) SLOW SIGNS erected within 700m along Glossop Rd; it is obvious that 50km/h is an inappropriate speed for this area.

What is the appropriate speed to drive Glossop Rd being reminded 5 times within 700m, to slow from 50km/h ?

Have your say !! RESULTS

“Linden Residents Recommend 40” Survey No. 2

Please Note: for several questions you can give more than ONE answer !!

Question 1.

The members of our household consider that:

- a. the present 50km/h speed limit is appropriate for Linden’s residential streets/lanes. **a. 7%**
- b. a 40km/h speed limit would be more appropriate for Linden’s streets/lanes. **b. 94%**

Question 2.

The members of our household consider that:

- a. too many motorists drive too quickly considering Linden has no footpaths. **a. 76%**
- b. most motorists drive at about the correct speed for the conditions. **b. 31%**

Question 3.

The members of our household would support:

- a. erection of 40km/h signs **a. 81%**
- b. building of speed humps to slow traffic **b. 26%**
- c. erecting chicanes to slow traffic **c. 17%**

Question 4.

The members of our household:

- a. are concerned for the safety of pedestrians walking along our roads (as no formed footpaths) and also for the safety of children walking and playing on our roads. **a. 75%**
- b. when driving remain aware that adults and children need to use our roads as footpaths AND drive carefully/slowly. **b. 65%**

Question 5.

The members of our household consider that:

- a. Blue Mountains City Council Officers have been **supportive** of the Linden Community in the issue of “Linden Residents Recommend 40”. /61 a. 13% **a. 11%**
- b. Blue Mountains City Council have been **unsupportive** of the Linden Community in the issue of “Linden Residents Recommend 40”. /61 b. 38% **b. 32%**
- c. Blue Mountains City Council have been **unsupportive** of the Linden Community in the issue of “Linden Residents Recommend 40” and have **not represented** the LCA case with RMS. /61 c. 66% **c. 56%**

Question 6.

The members of our household would support:

- a. Linden Citizens Association continuing to press BMCC/RMS etc to slow traffic on residential roads in Linden. **a. 88%**
- b. Linden Citizens Association if it stopped campaigning on this issue. **b. 13%**

Question 7.

The members of our household agree that:

- a. we support the slowing of traffic in Linden’s residential streets. **a. 93%**
- b. We do NOT support the slowing of traffic in Linden’s residential streets. **b. 5%**

To Date:

- 72 responses; results as above.

While walking to collect from addresses which hadn’t returned surveys, at various homes

- 6 people didn’t complete survey as they considered there is no problem.
- 12 people agreed that Linden’s traffic should be slowed.

Total responses so far; 72 (+18) = 90

In the following space please give any other OPINIONS you may have concerning Road Safety in Linden.

- Very badly designed questionnaire (1 reply); but support continued campaign.
- LCA surveys should be well designed, unbiased with meaningful and clear items (1 reply)
- Why not “name and shame” habitual offenders” by putting their vehicle details and rego numbers on LCA website ? Perhaps THEN they would show a little more respect and consideration for other Linden residents.
- LCA should use its energies elsewhere.
- BMCC doesn’t care about Linden residents (and our specific issues)
- BMCC will never concede; thank you for caring !
- Community Safety initiatives such as signage, community notice boards and educational material should also be used.
- Chapman Ave needs resurfacing; filling in pot-holes is not the answer for a safe road.
- Need clearly sign posted 50km/h OR new 40km/h signage; who would know the speed limit in Linden from the signage ??
- Especially concerned with conditions at the junction of Martin Pl and Chapman Ave.
- We agree that drivers should drive to the conditions; don’t support speed humps or chicanes.
- NO speed bumps.
- Speed bumps would solve the problem. Speed bumps don’t need policing.
- There are many more young children in our streets than there were several years ago. It is imperative that we slow down traffic.
- Children shouldn’t be playing on the roads.
- Apply for additional signs similar to “Children in Area” for Martin Pl/Chapman Ave area.
- Would like to see footpaths; this would help relieve all problems.
- Campaign for footpaths.
- Need footpaths; with well lit pedestrian crossing humps where footpaths must cross. 40km/h still too fast.
- We would like to see no one ever exceeding 40km/h; but erecting 40km/h signs would not stop thoughtless drivers exceeding that limit.
- We are not convinced that any signage NOT enforced by law will have any effect on the irresponsible minority.
- It would be safer for all if:
 - drivers kept left and moved over while passing other vehicles,
 - pedestrians moved to the side of the road when a car approaches.

- Too many motorists, who not only speed, drive in the centre of the road forcing people like myself to move over off the road.
- Most residents are aware of the narrow, curved “blind spots” and the number of people walking and drive carefully; BUT I sometimes do become complacent and too familiar and drive a little faster than I should.
- We have seen no evidence of the 50km/h speed zone being an issue. There are no safe places for Police to park to enforce speed zones.
- Visitors to the area do not appreciate the need for a slower speed; there should be signs to warn them.
- Traffic travels too quickly turning from GWH into Martin Pl; problem particularly at School Bus times.
- Recent accident requiring use of helicopters for severe medical injuries must have cost in excess of \$1M. Signage and Speed Bumps a small price in comparison. (P Plate driver; all seriously injured).
- Leaving Martin Pl to turn east is very dangerous. Cars exceeding 80km/h heading west limit time for decision to go OR wait. 60km/h on GWH (as during construction) would be more appropriate.
- Problems with Sight Distances (locals trim vegetation), knowing which lane approaching westbound traffic is in, no Westbound acceleration lane from Martin Pl etc.
- Traffic lights /Pedestrian lights at Linden Station are regularly ignored by drivers endangering pedestrians.